

FAQs on U.S. Economic Engagement & Assistance in ASEAN and the ASEAN Region



Project Title	FAQs on U.S. Economic Engagement & Assistance in ASEAN and the ASEAN Region
Project Summary	We need an accurate and complete snapshot of all the economic engagement, programming and assistance the many US agencies provide to ASEAN and the ASEAN region to better tell the story of U.S. commitment to the region.
Country	Indonesia
Agency	Department of State
DoS Office	N/A
Post	JAKARTA
Section	Other
Number of Interns	2

Project Description

This February at the Sunnylands Summit, President Obama announced U.S.-ASEAN Connect (“Connect”) as a tangible representation of our resolve to deepen our economic relationship in the ASEAN region. The VSFS intern will engage with over 20 U.S. agencies operating on economic programs in ASEAN and the ASEAN region to get an accurate and updated picture of all economic engagement, bilateral, sub-regional (e.g. the Mekong subregion) and regional, which helps ASEAN and ASEAN Member States meet their goal to become a single market for goods and skilled labor. The VSFS intern will then work with EAP/P, EAP/MLA and others to break down that info into Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) which outline, in easy-to-understand terms, the depth and breadth of U.S. economic engagement in the region. That material will be folded into the next update of Connect’s website, www.usaseanconnect.gov.

Desired Skills Interests

Skill

SharePoint

Microsoft Excel

Additional Information

The VSFS intern will need to be tenacious, as this task requires a fair amount of digging on all parties, thus significant followup will likely be necessary.

Full project description:

- This February at the Sunnylands Summit, President Obama announced U.S.-ASEAN Connect (“Connect”) as a tangible representation of our resolve to deepen our economic relationship in the ASEAN region.
- Connect is a unifying, strategic framework that encompasses all of our ongoing and future regional economic efforts. It’s meant to ensure these efforts are responsive to the needs and interests of the U.S. private sector and of ASEAN, and to increase public-private cooperation.
- Through Connect, the U.S. government and private sector are continuing and deepening our longstanding commitment to helping ASEAN achieve its vision for an integrated ASEAN Economic Community (AEC), a “Community of Opportunity” that empowers small businesses, nurtures innovation and entrepreneurship, and draws trade and investment from around the world - an ASEAN powered by clean energy and innovative ideas. The Connect framework will help ASEAN with its own AEC economic integration goals, increasing opportunities for U.S. businesses, U.S. exports, and U.S. jobs.
- Connect, broken down into four pillars – business, energy, innovation, and policy -- is a whole of U.S. framework approach to strategic engagement with the region on its economic integration objectives, boosting opportunities for U.S. businesses, exports, and jobs with the U.S.’ fourth largest trading partner.
- With over 20 U.S. agencies operating on economic programs in ASEAN and the ASEAN region, providing an accurate picture of what activities are available is crucial to coordinating such activity to promote our strategic objectives that lead to increased U.S. exports and jobs.
- The VSFS intern tasked with this effort will engage all of these agencies, both in Washington and in the ASEAN region, to get an accurate and updated picture of all economic engagement, bilateral, sub-regional (e.g. the Mekong subregion) and regional, which helps ASEAN and ASEAN Member States meet their goal to become a single market for goods and skilled labor.
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Language Requirements

None